

Treasury Department,
BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 14, 1893.

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I approve of your suggestion and would request you to communicate at once with Mr. Culin, and Gen. Howard and get all the portraits of Isabella you can. I will be at the mint on Tuesday morning and we will pass on them together and make a selection. In the meantime, if you have not already received it, please ask Miss Peddle to forward the portrait which Mrs. Palmer sent her and which she was instructed by telegraph from Mrs. Palmer to forward to the mint.

very respectfully,

C. A. Lusk
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